

REMARKS

Claims 2-21 stand in the present application, claims 2, 5 and 9-12 having been amended, claim 1 having been canceled and new claims 15-21 having been added. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-4, 6, 7, 13 and 14, but respectfully submit that in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, all of the claims standing in the application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is therefore respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kishimoto and has rejected claims 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kishimoto. As noted above, Applicants have canceled claim 1 and rewritten allowable claim 2 in independent form. Accordingly, claim 2 and its respective dependent claims 3-10 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Sato et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

With respect to claim 11, Sato et al. does not teach or suggest a method of sequentially carrying out the steps of forming the transparent electrode strips 2, forming the pillar 9, and forming the oriented thin film 3. In Applicants' invention, by sequentially carrying out the steps in this order to manufacture a liquid crystal display, the alignment layer 8 (corresponding to the oriented film 3) is formed after the formation of the columnar spacers (corresponding to the pillar 9). With this method arrangement, the

material of the columnar spacers or the development liquid, etc. used in the manufacture thereof does not affect the alignment layer 8. See *inter alia*, present application at page 27, line 22 to page 28, line 2.

In order to emphasize this distinction, Applicants have amended claim 11 to more clearly recite that the recited steps are performed in order. Since Sato et al. does not teach or suggest this ordered arrangement of method steps, claim 11 is believed to patentably define thereover.

Claim 12 has been amended to more clearly recite an arrangement in which, when manufacturing a hybrid liquid crystal display (that operates both as a transmission type and a reflection type) whose display area is divided into a transmission section and a reflection section, the columnar spacers are provided on the reflection section.

This allows the alignment defects that occur because of the columnar spacers to be less visible, thereby achieving the effects the same as those of allowed claim 2. Namely, the alignment defects occurring in the transmission section are highly visible because the transmission section is bright (see page 29, lines 9-14 of the present specification).

Accordingly, claim 12 as amended is also believed to more clearly patentably define over the cited art.

In order to more completely define their inventions, Applicants have added new claims 15-21. Support for claim 15 can be found in the present specification at *inter alia*, page 19, lines 4-8, page 22, lines 14-16, page 30, line 20 to page 31, line 2 and page 29, lines 9-14. Method claims 16 and 17, corresponding to claim 15 have also

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been added. Finally, claims 18-19 have been added to depend from claim 5 and are fully supported by the specification at page 40, including Table 3.

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 2-21, now standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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